



DAY 13

God of Possibilities

*Psalm 100:2 - Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing."*

I had not been coming to Mantua Center Christian Church for more than a year, when I was asked to become a Deacon. Before I was asked, I hardly noticed what the deacons did. But after I was asked, I watched very carefully, knowing that their duties would soon be mine.

In those days, the elders and the deacons processed into the sanctuary from the back during the first hymn. I felt like I had the process down pretty well, so it was with confidence that I walked up the aisle.

When I reached the front, I was suddenly engulfed by a feeling I didn't recognize. It was a sense of being a part of the worship. Not just a spectator. Not just a member of the audience. But one who, in a very small way, was participating in the glory of God.

I managed to keep my knees steady, and like every transcendent experience, the feeling passed. But I have never forgotten it. To this day, I celebrate the gift that was given to me when I was asked to participate in worship.

And that is why, my friends, I ask you to participate: it is a gift. Not from me, but from God.

Welcoming God, always offering new possibilities, I thank you for your invitation to Service. And I thank you for leading me to a place where your spirit of service can be offered, learned, and made manifest. Amen

– Katie Baird